

**Technical Services Interest Group Meeting  
Friday, January 25, 2008  
2008 GLA Mid-Winter Conference  
Downs Continuing Education Center  
Clayton State University  
Morrow, Georgia**

**Present:**

Heidi V. Benford  
RUBY Cross  
Jack Fisher  
Laura Herndon  
Cathy Jeffrey  
Linda Jones  
Adam Kubik  
Tessa Minchew  
Patty Phipps  
Elaine Yontz  
Christine Zuger

**Meeting Call to Order and Welcome:**

Tessa Minchew, Chair, called the session to order at 1:15 p.m.

**Program Ideas for GaCOMO 2008:**

Ideas for technical services programs for GaCOMO 2008 were discussed as follows.

**PROGRAMS/PRESENTATIONS**

Discussion began with suggestions for programs which appeal to Tech Services: How can we translate to the rest of the library world what we do and how valuable it is to the user? Patty Phipps had forwarded an e-mail from the Ohio Library Council Technical Services Retreat (April 1-2, 2008). They had some fascinating topics clearly showing that the same issues and challenges are being faced by all Technical Services departments. The address of the website is <http://www.olc.org/WorkshopDescription.asp?ID=408>.

Patty Phipps suggested RDA update as a topic. Tessa Minchew asked if anyone knew of someone who might be qualified to make a presentation on the subject. Patty Phipps recommended contacting Erica Waller, who scheduled the TSIG 2007 COMO pre-conference.

Redesign, workflow analysis, and outsourcing were also suggested as potential program topics.

Adam Kubik volunteered to present a session on cataloging sound recordings.

Cathy Jeffrey asked if we wanted to have a pre-conference. Jack Fisher said that he had attended the pre-conference in Brunswick, Georgia. He received some good information, but only about 6 people attended. Pre-conferences can also be a little pricey. In the past, there have been tours of Baker & Taylor, the National Library Bindery of Georgia, and UGA's digital collection. It was decided not to have a pre-conference, but Tessa Minchew will contact Toby Graham about the possibility of another tour of UGA's digital collection on Wednesday, 2:00-5:00.

## DISCUSSIONS

Cathy Jeffrey suggested a panel discussion on the future of Technical Services. Some potential approaches mentioned were areas of subject expertise, cataloging, topics especially selected for variously-sized libraries, and a general smorgasbord of topics. Tessa Minchew will work with Cathy Jeffrey to assess the possibility of finding panelists.

Elaine Yontz offered to help organize a discussion panel on the Future of Technical Services or Current Trends in Technical Services, envisioning possible topics such as RDA, FRBR, the Final Report of the Library of Congress Working Group on the Future of Bibliographic Control, and the current trend of reorganizing and/or merging cataloging and acquisitions departments.

**Meeting Adjourned at 2 p.m.**

Submitted by: Rubye Cross, Secretary

**Next meeting: GaCOMO, October 2008**